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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum

FROM: Jim McCormack and Larry Norton

SUBJ: Postponement of June 26 Groundwater Forum Meeting

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As you know from discussions at past Forum meetings, Sacramento County agencies (i.e., SCWA and SRCSD) do not yet share a common point of view concerning costs related to groundwater management. In order to address these differing perspectives, we have arranged a side-conversation involving appropriate administrators of the two agencies. However, because of scheduling conflicts, the earliest available date for the side-conversation is Thursday, June 26, the same day as our regularly scheduled Forum meeting.

It is clear that the issue of how potential costs related to groundwater management might be handled is a critical component of the draft trial balloon. Since the initial review of the draft trial balloon was to be the focus of the June 26 meeting and, until the side conversation is completed we won't know what might be included in the draft concerning how to address costs, the Groundwater Cluster has recommended that we cancel the June 26 Groundwater Forum meeting and defer discussion of the opening draft trial balloon to our next meeting on July 24. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

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GRA sponsors symposium on contaminants

From announcement, Groundwater Resources Association of California

The Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA), in cooperation with a number of other professional organizations, is developing a symposium in its Series on Groundwater Contaminants titled "Perchlorate in Groundwater: Occurrence, Analysis, and Treatment". The symposium will be in Sacramento on July 31, 2003.

Perchlorate ( $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ) has been found to impact drinking water aquifers in California land elsewhere leading to the closure of numerous municipal water supply wells. Perchlorate can be accidentally released to water bodies from a number of sources. It is a primary ingredient in solid propellant for rockets and missiles and therefore a common contaminant at aerospace facilities. In addition, perchlorate-based chemicals have been used in a range of industrial processes including aluminum refining, rubber manufacture and production of paints.

Information about the use, environmental behavior, and treatment of perchlorate is not abundant. This symposium will showcase experts on the occurrence and potential sources of perchlorate, its fate and transport characteristics, regulatory status, toxicology and chemical detection challenges. The program will also provide information about known impacts of perchlorate on water resources in California as well as current remediation/water treatment options. The symposium will feature speakers from regulatory agencies, universities, national laboratories, and industry and is expected to attract up to 350 participants.

The Symposium will consist of the following three sessions:

- Sources, Occurrence, Geochemistry, Fate and Transport, Analysis and Toxicity of Perchlorate
- Perchlorate in California
- Treatment and Remediation

In addition to the above sessions, experts have been invited to participate in a panel discussion on policy and legal issues relating to perchlorate contamination at the end of this one-day event day. This will be followed by a reception featuring poster and exhibitor presentations.

GRA is also coordinating a pre-symposium site visit to Aerojet's perchlorate treatment facility on July 30. This includes a tour as well as an overview presentation on the site. A dinner meeting hosted by GRA's Sacramento Branch will follow the Aerojet facility tour. The dinner meeting will include a lecture by

Thomas Mohr (Santa Clara Valley Water District) on the San Martin perchlorate problem.

Updated program information will be posted to the GRA web page when it becomes available: <http://www.grac.org/perchlorate.html>

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